

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

April 1, 2005

IN RE:

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO
THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND BIRCH
TELECOM OF THE SOUTH, INC.**

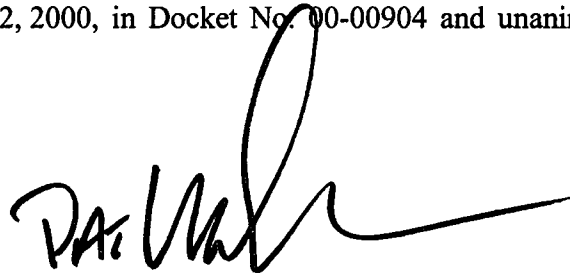
**DOCKET NO.
05-00005**

**ORDER APPROVING
NINTH AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

This matter came before Chairman Pat Miller, Director Deborah Taylor Tate and Director Sara Kyle of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority" or "TRA"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on February 28, 2005, to consider the Petition for approval of the ninth amendment to the interconnection agreement negotiated between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Birch Telecom of the South, Inc., filed on January 7, 2005.¹

Based upon a review of the amendment, the record in this matter, and the standards for review set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 252, the Directors made findings consistent with those in the *Order Approving Interconnection Agreement* issued on December 12, 2000, in Docket No. 00-00904 and unanimously granted the Petition.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Pat Miller, Chairman



Deborah Taylor Tate, Director



Sara Kyle, Director

¹ The original interconnection agreement was filed and approved in Docket No. 00-00904. Subsequent amendments were filed and approved in Docket Nos. 01-00074, 01-00421, 02-01013, 02-01109, 02-01295, 04-00145, 04-00209 and 04-00299